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A Publication of News and Events

It's not going to stay the way it is, we know that. But we want to replace "standard ugly" with our best side.

Edgar Harrison, Planning Commission President (about planning for the town's Highway Commercial area)

Growth is the only way for us to maintain what we have and sustain Trappe as a small town. Cheryl Lewis, Town Council President

NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

Town Meeting, September 1, 2004

(Town Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm)



ORDINANCE 8-2004, Amended Water & Sewer Budget & Fee Structure)

After extensive analysis of suggestions made at a public workshop, several alternatives were considered for restructuring water and sewer rates in order to meet the Town's obligation of approximately \$200,000 per year for outstanding bond payments. A final proposal was reviewed and submitted recommending an increase of approximately 24% to all households. Cheryl Lewis, President of the Town Commissioners and Enterprise Budget Administrator, reiterated that there has been had a shortfall between monies collected by users and that owed on debt, of about \$100,000 per year for the past 2-3 years, which has been paid from savings accumulated in anticipation of transitioning between the construction and oper-

ating phases of the new sewer and water system. Those savings are now depleted and rates must be adjusted accordingly. Lewis also said that, although the costs seem "harsh to us because we were one of the first municipalities in the state of Maryland to be hit like this [with stricter environmental standards]," that as the water and sewer permits of other towns come up for renewal, municipalities across the Shore will eventually face the same types of costs in the future. The proposed ordinance carries the intent to review and/or revise the fee structure every 12 months to analyze growth and debt reduction and determine if a rate change (up or down) is appropriate.

*U*nder the proposed rate structure, in-town residences will pay a basic rate of \$16.40 for water each month, and a basic rate of \$24.60 for sewer per month. In an attempt to equalize the increase for single-member households, this basic rate would include the first 1,000 (to be amended to 1700 due to typo in ordinance) gallons of water and sewer usage each month. Usage over the first 1,700 gallons would be charged at \$3.20 per 1,000 gallons for water and \$5.25 per 1,000 gallons for sewage.

Properties located <u>outside of town</u> which are tapped into the town system, would be charged a basic fee of \$32.80 for water and \$49.20 for sewer, again with <u>the first 1,000 (to be amended to 1700 due to typo in ordinance) gallons being included.</u> Usage over the first 1,700 would be charged at \$6.40 per 1,000 gallons of water and \$10.50 per 1,000 gallons for sewage.

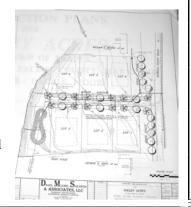
*I*t is estimated that the increased rates will result in approximately an additional \$10 per month per in-town household. If approved, the adjusted rates will become <u>effective October 1, 2004</u>.

A <u>PUBLIC HEARING</u> was held on September 20, 2004, and public comment was taken for more than one hour. A Special Meeting followed the hearing, during which the Ordinance 8-2004 was signed and adopted.

Approval of Shelby Acres

(6 Lots on Howell Point Road) to be constructed by P.E. Moore & Sons

 $m{U}$ pon review of the Planning Commission's recommendations, conditional approval was granted for this 6-lot subdivision. The approval is subject to the previously-stipulated requirements of the Planning Commission, including Forest Conservation Plan and/or Fee-in-Lieu, sediment and erosion control plan, escrow for pumping station maintenance, and satisfactory Public Works Agreement. It was also stipulated that common areas of the subdivision, such as the storm management pond and sidewalks, would be the responsibility of the individual property owners (and not the Town), as reflected in the subdivision plat and the individual Deeds.



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PLANNING COMMISSION cont...

Review & Discussion: C-2 Zone, Commercial Design Standards & Highway Overlay Zone (Sept 8, 2004)

The Planning Commission began the final section of implementation of the Town Zoning Ordinance with a review of the commercial zone, located between Trappe's north and south Gateways, between Backtown Road and Barber Road. This highway corridor) is currently zoned C2 (Light Commercial), except for parcels that have been annexed on the cast side. These include the land around the gas station and Pop's Market, which is zoned General Commercial (GC) under County Zoning. These parcels still fall under the County's General Commercial (GC) under County Zoning. These parcels still fall under the County's General Commercial (GC) under County Zoning. These parcels still fall under the County's General Commercial (GC) under County Zoning. These parcels still fall under the County's General Commercial (GC) under County Zoning. These parcels still fall under the County's General Commercial (GC) under County Zoning. These parcels still fall under the County's General Commercial (GC) under County Zoning. These parcels still fall under the County's General Commercial (GC) under County Zoning. These parcels still fall under the County's General Commercial (GC) under County Zoning. These parcels still fall under the County's General Commercial (GC) under County Zoning. These parcels still fall under the County's General Commercial (GC) under County Zoning. These parcels still fall under the County's General Commercial (GC) under County Zoning. These parcels still fall under the County's General Commercial (GC) under County Zoning. These parcels still fall under the County's General Commercial (GC) under County Zoning. These parcels still fall under the County's Sone properties on Route 50 presently have no zoning. This area presents challenges because the commission must deal with the dynamics of both undeveloped and already-developed property. After a brief brainstorming session, it was decided that th



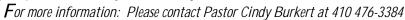
FROM THE NEW PASTOR, Rev. Cynthia Burkert

NEW BIBLE STUDY ~ "IN GOD'S TIME"

Beginning October 5 and 6, Trappe and Faith Chapel United Methodist Churches will sponsor a brand new Bible study, "In God's Time." The class will meet for ten sessions, offered during the daytime and in the evening – 1-2:15 on Tuesday at 29299 Maple Avenue, and 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays (except the 2nd Wednesday - place tba).

The author and course developer for "In God's Time," Dr. Craig Hill, "encourages Christians both to take seriously and to think sensibly about the hope of God's ultimate victory." The course presents a faithful alternative to some of the more "sensationalist perspectives" on the Bible's teaching about the future. Some lesson titles include, "The History of the Future," "Between the Testaments," "Daniel," "Revelation," and "Jesus and the Things to Come."

All are welcome to participate. The cost for the student guide is \$7.50. However, you need to register by calling 410 487-3384 so that enough materials may be ordered. "In God's Time" is made available through the Ministry Network of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington DC, of which Trappe-Faith Chapel's pastor, Rev. Cindy Burkert is a graduate.





Walter Chase Elected to Town Council

Walter Chase received 105 of 196 votes cast at a special election held September 13, 2004. The election was held to fill the vacancy left by Robert Niemeyer, who announced his resignation in July. Following the election, Chase thanked citizens for voting for him and said, "I'll give them 100 percent."

Chase was born and raised in Trappe, and lives with his wife, Helen D. Chase, in a home on Main Street that has been in his family for around 100 years. He retired as chief of the Easton Police Department in May 1998, but has remained active in law enforcement training. As a contractual employee with the Maryland Police and Corrections Training Commission, he works with the Advanced and Specialized Training Unit, offering training to police officers, correctional officers, the Department of Juvenile Justice and other groups. He believes his experience in the field would be a strong asset to the Town Commission.

Mr. Chase is a former member of the Trappe Planning Commission and is the current chairman of the Trappe Board of Appeals. He is the first vice president of the Talbot County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He also owns two commercial grills and often uses them to cook for events like Oxford Day or picnics for the Neighborhood Service Center in Easton. He serves on the Talbot County Democratic Central Committee. Public involvement, littering and speeding are things Chase said he would like to work on in town. Chase is the first African-American elected to the Town Council. "It's going to be an honor to work with them," Chase said of the current Town Council.



CONGRATULATIONS TO TOWN ATTORNEY BRYNJA BOOTH, AND HER HUSBAND, ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR SECOND CHILD, CATHERINE ANN.



Congratulations to our Girl Scouts and their leaders. The number of girls in the Daisy, Brownie, and Junior troops has increased significantly since last year. Please contact Barbara Coleman at 410.476.3128 for more information. Come join us!

The walking path at Home Run Baker Park is complete and ready for walkers and bikers to enjoy. This is a wonderful place to exercise or stroll outdoors in this lovely fall weather. Bring the kids and dog for a traffic-free bike ride or playground fun. Thanks to Friends of Home Run Baker Park for this addition to our town!



L-R) Casey Rauch, Robert Rauch, Gov. Minner, and Joe Conaway, President, Bridgeville Town Council. (photo courtesy Robert D. Rauch & Associates)

Talbot County Public Schools Parent Connect ~ http://parentconnect.tcps.k12.md.us

Parents have a new tool to help their students stay proactive. Talbot County Public Schools introduced Parent Connect to the school community last year. It allows parents to access information about their child's assignments, grades, attendance, and discipline through the Internet. For those who do not have home access, Internet-accessible computers are available to the public at the Talbot County Public Library and at the Family Support Center in Easton. To register, contact your child's school administration - once you have signed up you will be given a user name and password, with which you can log on to the website from any computer.

The PIT (Parent Involvement Team) of Easton Middle School created a 'Parent Center' located in the EMS media center offering educational resources for parents to use, including a computer with internet access. EMS parents can use this computer during school hours to not only access parent connect, but for other research purposes as well. The Town of Trappe donated an old unused computer from their office to the



EMS for their Parent Center. Cheryl Lewis is shown here in the media center at EMS.

Rauch Firm Wins Conservation Award

The firm of Robert D. Rauch and Associates was selected as the Delaware Association of Conservation Districts' 2004 Governor's Conservation Award winner in the Urban category. The award was for the design and approval of Heritage Shores ("Bridgeville South"), a 2,000-home neighborhood with 18-hole golf course in Bridgeville DE. Delaware Governor Ruth Ann Minner personally presented the award to Robert D. Rauch and Casey D. Rauch at a ceremony in Dover in July.

This project is located on 900 acres recently annexed into the town of Bridgeville. The

site required a complex network of lakes and ponds to manage the stormwater and sediment control for the entire development.

The first phase of the project will include the development of 171 new residences and the start of a new golf course. The project will feature retirement homes by national builders, US Home and Brookfield Homes. The plan was reviewed and approved by the Sussex Conservation District. They nominate the project for the award based on the creative design, cooperation with the agency, and adherence to Delaware Sediment and Stormwater Regulations.

The design was completed by Robert Rauch, owner of the firm, and his associate and son, Casey, a recent graduate from the University of Maryland School of Engineering. "I am very proud of the award," Bob said, "and the fact that Casey was part of it made it all the better." Sussex Conservation District staff indicated the plan was one of the best plans they have reviewed and was approved and permitted in record time.

Rauch is developer of Easton Club and other projects in Maryland, including the proposed "Trappe East" project.

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Earth is here so kind, that tickle her with a hoe and she laughs with a harvest.

Douglas Jerrold



Eric Asumussen, whose home farm operates from within the Trappe town limits, stands among this year's lush corn crop. 2004 was one of the good years that help keep farmers going in a business that is increasingly difficult to sustain.

Editor's Note: I have particularly enjoyed watching this year's crops grow and be harvested. Our rural surrounds are truly to be appreciated.

Letters to the Editor

The Index is a wonderful publication, it does our town proud. Fred Dallum

Many thanks to St. Paul's Episcopal Church who once again donated supplies for so many of our children at the start of the 2004-2005 school year. Together with our staff, parents, and community, this level of cooperation allows our students to reap the benefits of being part of a community that truly values education.

Ginger Roupe, Principal, WMES

At the end of the summer I completed the Susan G. Komen breast cancer 3 day in Washington D.C. I walked 60 miles over the course of 3 days and raised about 4,250 dollars that will go towards breast cancer research and prevention programs. It was an amazing experience and one that I am so glad that I took part in (my knee felt differently but it got me to the finish). Thank you to all of you who helped me to exceed my fund raising goals. It meant a lot to have your support.

Allison Dungan (sent from Randolph Macon College)

Uncle Nace's Day

Nathaniel (Uncle Nace) Hopkins led Trappe's annual Maryland Emancipation Day parades for more than 30 years

Scotts Methodist Church about 1915 (photo courtesy of Mrs. Irene Chase)



1867 – 2004 ~ The longest continuously running celebration on the Eastern Shore of Maryland

Don't you just love a parade? Whether celebrating national holidays, returning heroes, football bowl games, or small town fire departments, parades are a blip of gaiety in

our often-serious day-to-day lives. On parade day, suddenly a quiet street is transformed into festivity. Its sidewalks quickly line with excited kids and crowds of watchers waving to everything from floats to flutes, jalopies to jump-ropers, barnstormers to beauty queens. Every year in early October, Trappe's Main Street is transformed in just this way for the Nace's Day Parade. While the display may seem like most other parades, there is something unusual about this one. The pageant is part of a unique commemoration of Maryland Emancipation Day. Originated in 1867 by a former slave named Nathanial Hopkins (affectionately known as "Uncle Nace"), the event is one of the longest running celebrations on the East-

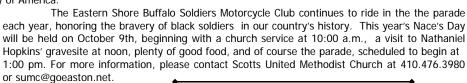
ern Shore of Maryland.

Uncle Nace's great, great grandson, Dale Brown (a.k.a. Dawg Ketcher) is president of the Eastern Shore Buffalo Soldiers

Motorcycle Club, which continues to ride in the annual parades. The club takes its name from black members of the U.S. Army who helped blaze the treacherous trails of the Westward Movement. Their bravery, valor, and looks on the battlefield, inspired the Indians to call them "Buffalo Soldiers." Since that time, African-Americans have fought with distinction in all of our country's military engagements. However, some of their most notable contributions and sacrifices came during the Civil War. Shortly after the Civil War, Congress authorized the formation of the 9th and 10th Cavalry and the 38th, 39th, 40th, and 41st Infantry Regiments: six all-black peacetime units. Later the four infantry regiments were merged into the 24th and 25th Infantries. Much has changed since the days of the original Buffalo Soldiers, including the integration of all military servicemen and women.

However, in the words of the National Buffalo Soldiers organization, "the story of the Buffalo Soldiers remains one of unsurpassed courage and patriotism, and will be forever a significant part of the his-

tory of America."







A Medivac helicopter departs from an open field at White Marsh Elementary School. Lifts also take place at the Old Ball Park on Main Street. This is just one of the many duties that our Fire Department performs to help keep our community safe and healthy.

A 10 week session of beginner line dancing lessons begins at the Trappe Vol.

Fire Hall on Monday Night, October 4th @ 7-8:30 pm. \$5 admission includes soft drinks and ice water. No need to register and no need for a partner. Come learn all of the basics and make some new friends. For more info call Steve Moody @ 410-820-4493 or visit www.stevemoody.com.

SUPPORT YOUR TOWN: EAT OUT!!



Now you have another good excuse reason to eat out . . .

For every \$500 in receipts from Golden Corral turned in by anyone in the town, Golden Corral (owned by Mike & Nancy Dunn of Trappe) will donate \$50.00 to the Town Christmas Light Fund.



Hallelujah Hoe Down

Christian Fellowship Center Talbot Evangelistic Church 6099 Ocean Gateway 6:00 PM Saturday October 30, 2004 410-822-8401

Hayrides, Games, Activities
Music Drama
Come dressed in Western Attire
Food and Fun for the Entire Family

Operation Uplink let freedom ring

Operation Uplink is a program that the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars work together on. As a member of Choptank Memorial Post 7460 and as the Department of Maryland Rehabilitation Chairman for the Ladies Auxiliary, **Operation Uplink** is part of my program.

What is **Operation Uplink**? We provide free phone cards for our troops internationally including the Far East, State Side and for Veterans in Nursing Homes or Hospitals. That is right: no cost to the Service Personnel and no cost to the family.

It is our responsibility to raise funds to pay for the cards. If you have someone in the service and would like a form to fill out, the card will be mailed directly to the service personnel, you may call me. If you want to make a donation please call me or we now have Yellow Operation Uplink Car Magnets for \$3.00 or Operation Uplink Lapel Pins for \$2.00 Please contact: Pat Bridges, 3784 Rumsey Drive, Trappe, Maryland 21673 410-476-3018

We bring a little bit of home to the Service Personnel

God Bless and Keep Our Troops Safe

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER Is Oct 25th Trappeindex@verizon or 410-476-3910	Scotts United Methodist Church Afterschool Program 4:00 pm Monday - Friday ~on school days~	Elem School 3:30 pm Homework Club Monday - Friday ~on school days~	9 am Mid-Day 11 am Young @ Heart	8:45 am - 11:45 am Every Tue-Wed-Thur ~on school days~	1	2 EMS 7:00 am Mrs. Reese's Yard Sale
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Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Water Management Administration NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

Trappe East Application for State Discharge Permit 04-DP-3460

Town of Trappe, PO Box 162, Trappe, Maryland 21673 and Trappe East LLC, c/o Allen & Rocks, Inc., Managing Partners, submitted an application for a permit to discharge an average of 540,000 gallons per day of treated domestic wastewater from the Trappe East Wastewater Treatment Facility, located at East End of Backtown Road, Trappe, MD, to groundwater via a spray irrigation system.

A public hearing on the tentative determination for the above permit and is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27, 2004, at 6:00 PM, in the Trappe Fire Department's Second Floor Meeting Room, 4001 Powell Ave. Persons who wish to present information regarding the tentative determination may speak at the public hearing, submit written comments a the public hearing or submit a written statement to MDE no later than November 4, 2004. All comments will be considered in making a final determination.

Written comments should be addressed to the Maryland Department of the Environment, Water Management Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd, Suite 455, Baltimore MD 21230-1708 Attn: Ching-Tzone Tien. The supporting information for the tentative determination, including the draft permit and fact sheet, may be reviewed by contacting Dr. Tien at the above address or by telephone at 410.537.3662 or 800.633.6101 to schedule an appointment. Copies of documents may be procured at a cost of \$0.32 per page.

Mary Gettsinger of St Paul's Episcopal Church is coordinating a joint effort with other town churches to participate in the Samaritans Purse OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, which fills shoe boxes with small toys, school supplies, personal hygiene items, socks, caps and other treats to be given to hurting children around the world. Boxes must be collected in time to turn in Nov 22-24. Contact Mary for info: 410-476-3035 or visit http://samaritanspurse.org/index.asp? section=Operation+Christmas+Child



Welcome to David and Stacia Hackett, and their three children, Malcom, Brandon, and Alicia have moved to a new home near SUMC. David is the son of Rev. David and Alma Hackett from Scotts United Methodist Church.